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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

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Appln. No.: (TBA)

Group Art Unit: (TBA)

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For: A STEEL CORD FOR THE REINFORCEMENT  
OF A RUBBER ARTICLE AND TIRES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

8. (Amended) A steel cord for the reinforcement of a rubber article according to claim 2, wherein a distance between mutual steel filaments in each layer of the strand is not more than 0.014 mm.